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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

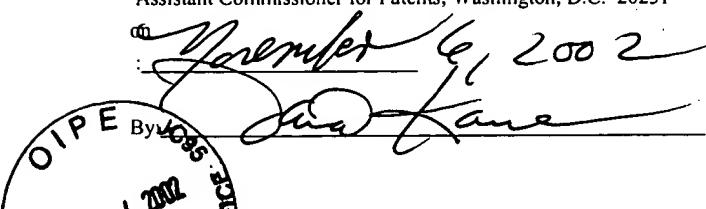
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 11, 2002, , the Notice of Appeal mailed August 9, 2002, and the Advisory Action mailed October 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein. A petition to extend the time for response for one month, from October 9, 2002 to November 9, 2002, is submitted herewith. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and fee are also submitted herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4, lines 6-7, please amend the specification: